



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1133

LCO No. 4402



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PREFERENCES FOR CONNECTICUT
COMPANIES IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL CONTRACTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 4e-48 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of [law] the general statutes, in
5 the award of a contract, after the original bids have been received and
6 an original lowest responsible qualified bid is identified, a state
7 contracting agency shall add [a per cent increase to the original bid of a
8 nonresident bidder] to the original bid of a nonresident bidder the
9 greater of (1) a one-half of one per cent increase, or (2) an increase
10 equal to the per cent, if any, of the preference given to such
11 nonresident bidder in the state in which such nonresident bidder
12 resides. If, after application of such per cent increase, the bidder that
13 submits the lowest responsible qualified bid is a resident bidder, the
14 state contracting agency shall award such contract to such resident
15 bidder provided such resident bidder agrees, in writing, to meet the

16 original lowest responsible qualified bid. Any such agreement by such
 17 resident bidder to meet the original lowest responsible qualified bid
 18 shall be made not later than seventy-two hours after such resident
 19 bidder receives notice from such state contracting agency that such
 20 resident bidder may be awarded such contract if such resident bidder
 21 agrees to meet the original lowest responsible qualified bid.

22 Sec. 2. Section 7-148v of the general statutes is repealed and the
 23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

24 Notwithstanding the provisions of any municipal charter or any
 25 special act to the contrary, any municipality may, by ordinance,
 26 establish requirements for competitive bidding for the award of any
 27 contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the
 28 municipality. Such ordinance may provide that [L] (1) except as
 29 otherwise required by any provision of the general statutes, sealed
 30 bidding shall not be required for contracts or purchases having a value
 31 less than or equal to an amount established in the ordinance, which
 32 amount shall not be greater than seven thousand five hundred dollars,
 33 and (2) all other factors being equal, preference shall be given to
 34 supplies, materials and equipment produced, assembled or
 35 manufactured in the state and services originating and provided in the
 36 state. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to invalidate any
 37 ordinance enacted by a municipality prior to October 1, 1989. Nothing
 38 in this section and no ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall
 39 be construed to limit the ability of a municipality to enter into a
 40 contract pursuant to section 4a-53a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	4e-48(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-148v

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the preference for in-state bidders in the award of state contracts and allow municipalities to enact similar preferences.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]